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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Lois G. Lerner *LL*
Associate General Counsel

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SUBJECT: MUR 4780 - Harris Corporation and Jeffrey Stanley

MUR 4780 was generated by a complaint filed by Kimberly Blom. Ms. Blom's complaint consisted of two separate letters, both dated July 10, 1998. Although both letters contained similar, even identical language, and thus appeared identical upon initial reading, they differed from each other in certain facts proffered. In a letter dated July 16, 1998, Central Enforcement Docket returned the letters of complaint to Ms. Blom because they were not properly sworn to, as required by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and Commission Regulations. Ms. Blom had both letters properly sworn to and re-filed both with the Commission under separate cover letters dated July 28, 1998.

The Respondents were notified of the complaint by the Central Enforcement Docket in a letter dated August 6, 1998. Although there were two nonidentical complaint letters, the cover letter referred only to a "complaint." A response to the complaint was filed on September 18, 1998.

In the course of preparing the First General Counsel's Report, questions recently arose regarding whether the Respondents' counsel actually received copies of both of the properly submitted letters of complaint. In recent discussions with Respondents' counsel, it became apparent that the Respondents received from the Commission both copies of the improperly submitted complaint letters, and one version of the properly submitted complaint letters. Respondents' counsel indicated that he did not realize there were two different letters involved. Under the circumstances, his representations are believable. On May 5, 2000, Respondents' counsel requested time to respond to the additional allegations and information raised in the properly submitted complaint letter which had not been provided by the Commission. On May 10, 2000, this Office provided

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counsel with a copy of the complaint letter which had been omitted from the notification package and gave counsel a short extension to provide a response to the additional allegations and factual assertions in the second letter. Once counsel's response has been received, the First General Counsel's Report will be finalized and submitted to the Commission as quickly as possible.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of the Commission Secretary

FROM: Office of General Counsel *ACS*

DATE: May 10, 2000

SUBJECT: MUR 4780-Memo to the Commission

The attached is submitted as an Agenda document for the Commission Meeting of _____

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